

Marine Wildlife Sightings-Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary

September 9th, 2007-Point Reyes Field Seminar

Date: 9/15/07

Vessel: New Sea Angler-Captain-Rick Powers

Air Temp: 60's

Sky Condition: Overcast in AM, clearing to sunshine about 3pm

Wind: 0-5 knots

Swell: 2-5'

Naturalists: Doreen Gurrola, Carol Keiper, Jennifer Stock

Cetaceans-Baleen Whales

Gray Whale	
Humpback Whale	X -1 group of 6 surrounded boat for 2 hours, another 5 in the area, baitfish under boat (16 miles west of Bodega, northern edge of sanctuary) 2 nd group of approximately 3 seen 20 miles west of Bodega on western boundary of sanctuary)
Blue Whale	X-2 seen
Minke Whale	
Fin Whale	
Other	

Toothed Whales

Bottlenose Dolphin	
Common Dolphin	
Pacific White-sided	
Northern Right Whale Dolphin	
Risso's Dolphin	X-1 pod of about 14 animals seen in later afternoon
Harbor Porpoise	
Dall's Porpoise	X- 1 pod in AM, 2 nd pod in pm-bowriding
Other	

Seals and Sea Lions

N. Elephant Seal	X- one seen
Harbor Seal	X-in Bodega Bay

Sea Lions

CA Sea Lion	X-several seen offshore, also at Bodega Rocks
Steller Sea Lion	X- on Bodega Rocks, one approached boat for awhile
Guadalupe Fur Seal	
Northern Fur Seal	X- seen jughandling offshore
Other	

Fish

Ocean Sunfish (<i>Mola mola</i>)	
Blue Shark	X- 5-10 sightings on the surface
Other: Moon Jellies	X- extraordinary density of jellies seen at times

Birds-Loons and Grebes

Red-throated Loon	
Pacific Loon	

Common Loon	X- nearshore waters
Red-necked Grebe	
Eared Grebe	
Western Grebe	X- in Bodega Bay
Clarke's Grebe	
Other	

Tubenoses

Black-footed Albatross	X
Northern Fulmar	X- several different light phases seen throughout the day
Buller's Shearwater	X
Pink-footed Shearwater	X
Black-vented Shearwater	
Sooty Shearwater	X
Leach's Storm-Petrel	
Ashy Storm-Petrel	X
Wilson's Storm -Petrel	X
Black-Storm-Petrel	X

Pelican's and Cormorants

Brown Pelican	X- nearshore
Double-Crested Cormorant	X
Pelagic Cormorant	X
Brandt's Cormorant	X
Other	
White Pelican	X- in Bodega Bay

Shorebirds and Other

Black Oystercatcher	
Red Phalarope	X-
Red-necked Phalarope	X
Great Egret	X
Great Blue Heron	X
Snowy Egret	X
Turkey Vulture	X
Black-Bellied Plover	X

Gulls and Terns

Parasitic Jaeger	X
Pomarine Jaeger	X
South Polar Skua	
Bonaparte's Gull	
California Gull	X
Herring Gull	

Ring Billed Gull	X
Thayer's Gull	
Glaucous-winged Gull	
Western Gull	X
Heerman's Gull	X
Sabine's Gull	X
Black-legged Kittiwake	
Caspian Tern	
Elegant Tern	X
Common Tern	
Forster's Tern	X

Alcids

Common Murre	X
Pigeon Guillemot	X
Ancient Murrelet	
Marbled Murrelet	X
Cassin's Auklet	X
Rhinoceros Auklet	X
Tufted Puffin	

Other Not Listed in Category:

Marbled Godwits

Willit

Dowitcher (sp.)

Surf Bird

Surf Scooter- one seen on beach in Bodega Harbor

Black Turnstone

Western Sandpiper

Passerines: Lesser Goldfinch, Wilson's Warbler, unidentified Sparrow